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In re Application of:

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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed August 26, 2009, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 26, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.